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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of the Complaint of

FRANK J. DIEBER, as owner of a 1988 20-foot Formula SR1 vessel for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability

## Petitioner

Index No. 08 CV 2042

CLAIM PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. SUPP. RULE F(5)

The claimant, ANGELA NORCIA, by her attorneys, BARTON BARTON & PLOTKIN, LLP, pursuant to Rule F(5) of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admirality and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and without prejudice to her right to seek a trial by jury of all claims, respectfully avers and alleges as follows:

## **CLAIM I**

- 1. This is an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(h).
- 2. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, the claimant ANGELA NORCIA was a passenger on the M/V 1999 Riviera Cruiser Pontoon being operated on Greenwood Lake, in the Town of Greenwood Lake, County of Orange, State of New York.
- 3. That the aforesaid pontoon cruiser was tight, staunch and well found and manned with a crew of one. That on or about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007, within the navigable waters of Greenwood Lake, the claimant was aboard the pontoon which was floating in Greenwood Lake.

- 4. At said time, claimant ANGELA NORCIA witnessed the M/V 1988 20-foot Formula SR1 vessel owned by FRANK J. DIEBER and operated by FRANK J. DIEBER, JR. at or about 500 feet from claimant's location.
- 5. At said time, the MV 1988 20-foot Formula SR1 vessel appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed.
- 6. The M/V 1988 20-foot Formula SR1 vessel made no turns, did not reduce speed, and was on a collision course with claimant's vessel, the 1999 Riviera Pontoon. The 1988 20-foot Formula SR1 boat was quickly coming upon claimant, and claimant feared for life and limb.
- 7. The 1988 20-foot Formula SR1 vessel failed to observe the 1999 Riviera Pontoon and struck said pontoon, going up and over the front bow and striking and injuring several passengers/persons on board, including the claimant ANGELA NORCIA.
- 8. Thereafter claimant ANGELA NORCIA was rendered sick, sore, lame, disabled and injured; claimant witnessed great carnage aboard the pontoon vessel; and claimant witnessed the horrid and unspeakable injuries and destruction on board said pontoon.
- 9. As a result of the aforesaid incident, claimant ANGELA NORCIA was caused to sustain devastating serious, severe and permanent personal injuries; she was caused to fear for her own life and limb; and she was caused to suffer severe mental, psychological and emotional trauma. Claimant was further caused to suffer severe mental, psychological and emotional trauma; trauma to her body and nervous system and well being upon witnessing the wreck of the pontoon; and claimant was and continues to be severely affected by the aforesaid events and happenings up to this day.

WHEREFORE, claimant ANGELA NORCIA demands judgment in the amount of TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000.00) DOLLARS against FRANK J. DIEBER,

JR., and an additional awarding of punitive damages against FRANK J. DIEBER AND FRANK J. DIEBER, JR.; and it is further,

That claimant's right to trial by jury be preserved with respect to all claims asserted by claimant; that the claims filed in this action by claimant be allowed; that claimant be awarded pre-judgment interest and costs of suit; that FRANK J. DIEBER AND FRANK J. DIEBER JR.'s right to exoneration and/or limitation of liability be denied; and that the claimant have such other, further and different relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York April 21, 2008

Yours, etc.

BARTON BARTON & PLOTKIN, LLP Attorneys for Clampart ANGELA NORCIA

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STATE OF NEW YORK

SS.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Alison Fumo, being duly sworn, deposes and says: Deponent is not a party to this action and is over the age of eighteen years and resides in Old Bridge, NJ.

That on April 21, 2008, at 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10170, deponent served the within CLAIM upon:

RUBIN FIORELLA & FRIEDMAN LLP 292 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10017

by delivering a true cop(ies) to said defendant(s) in a post-paid properly addressed sealed envelope in the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service.

Sworn to before me this 21/st/day of April 2008

Notary Public

Victoria Tachin Notary Public-State of New York No.: 017C6132279 Qualified in New York County

Commission Exp. Aug 22, 204